



February 22, 2007

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Commissioners

FROM: Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director

RE: Allocations of Measure A Funds in the Amount of \$339,867 from Strategy 3.1, Major Roads and Related Infrastructure, to Marin County for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project, Agenda Item 13

Dear Commissioners:

Executive Summary

The Measure A Expenditure Plan provides funds for major roads and related infrastructure under Strategy 3, Sub-strategy 3.1. The Marin Public Works Directors and the TAM TAC prioritized road segments in all five planning areas, with priority segments adopted by the TAM Board as part of the Strategic Plan adoption in June 2006. The Marin Public Works Association and the TAC selected the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project as the top priority in the West Marin Planning Area under Strategy 3.1. The TAC reviewed this project on January 18, 2007 and recommended an allocation of \$454,000 to complete the first phase of the work that includes environmental and preliminary engineering. Future allocations for design and construction will be contingent on the successful completion of the environmental and project scoping process. This is consistent with the Strategic Plan, which envisioned funding projects by phases, after the previous phase is adequately completed. This recommendation was acceptable to the County of Marin Project Manager.

On January 25, 2007, TAM allocated \$114,133 to the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project, which was the entire amount programmed in the Strategic Plan for FY 2006-07 at the time. An additional \$339,867 was needed to complete the allocation. Concurrently, TAM released a public comment period to amend the Revenues and Expenditures Element of the Strategic Plan Regarding Strategy 3.1 by moving \$339,867 from the unprogrammed balance to the West Marin Planning Area in FY 2006-07 to facilitate this action. No comments on this amendment have been received as of February 15th, 2007. The proposed amendment, labeled as Strategic Plan Amendment No. 2, is anticipated for Board adoption on February 22, 2007. Provided that Strategic Plan Amendment No. 2 is adopted by TAM, Marin County is requesting an allocation for the additional funds of \$339,867 to complete the funding needs in order to complete the environmental phase for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project.

Recommendation: Allocate \$339,867 in Measure A funds from Strategy 3.1, Major Roads and Related Infrastructure, to Marin County for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project as the top priority project in the West Marin Planning Area.

Background

The Measure A Expenditure Plan provides funds for major roads and related infrastructure under Strategy 3, Sub-strategy 3.1. Projects funded under this strategy are described as the most heavily traveled, and include significant roads and their related infrastructure. Funds are allocated to five planning areas based on a formula weighted 50% by the population of the planning area and 50% by the number of road miles within the limits of the planning areas. The Expenditure Plan assigned the responsibility for establishing priorities for Sub-strategy 3.1 funding to the Public Works Directors in collaboration with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) based on criteria such as condition of roadway, average daily traffic, transit frequency, bicycle and pedestrian activity, school access, accident history, matching funds opportunity, and geographic equity.

Discussion

Based on a series of discussions, the Marin Public Works Association and TAC selected the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project as the top priority in the West Marin Planning Area under Strategy 3.1. Marin County is proposing to rehabilitate Sir Francis Drake Boulevard from Shafter Bridge to Platform Bridge Road and considering the addition of a Class III bicycle route.

The TAC reviewed this project on January 18, 2007 and recommended an allocation of \$454,000. While the TAC does not have a prescribed role in approving fund allocations, they are vested in assuring priority projects are viable, and the intended scope can be delivered. The TAC supported the project, but passed a motion to fund only preliminary design, environmental work, contingency, and project management at this time. The TAC encouraged Marin County to return to another TAC meeting when environmental work is complete and the construction scope is better defined, before the TAC commits additional funds for final design and construction management. They also encouraged Marin develop a funding plan that includes a commitment of funds from other County sources, as the TAC adopted leveraging of outside funds as a goal in delivering Major Road projects. This proposal was acceptable to the County of Marin Project Manager.

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